

# **WILLIAMSBURG BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MINUTES**

November 2, 2004

The regular meeting of the Williamsburg Board of Zoning Appeals was held on Tuesday, November 2, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. in the Williamsburg Municipal Building, 401 Lafayette Street.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Present were Board members Knudson, Kafes, Carr, Lamson and White. Staff members present were Zoning Administrator Murphy and Secretary Scott.

## **CALL TO ORDER and MINUTES**

Chairman Knudson called the meeting to order. The minutes of the October 5, 2004 meeting were approved as corrected.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**BZA #04-007:** Request of Colonial Williamsburg Foundation for a special exception in accordance with Article III, Division 12, Section 21-413 of the Zoning Ordinance for a change in use for a portion of the Peyton Randolph House from residential use to a tailor shop at 101 East Nicholson Street. The property is zoned Colonial Williamsburg Historic Area CW and is located on Williamsburg Tax Map Number 466-(02)-00-010, B. Approved.

Chairman Knudson introduced the request for a special exception and noted the following BZA members have visited the site:

Knudson, Kafes, Carr, Lamson and White

Mrs. Knudson asked for comments from the applicant.

Scott Spence, Director of Architecture and Engineering and Jay Gaynor with the Historic Trades Department at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, presented background information regarding the request. Mr. Spence said that although the Peyton Randolph House is an original building dating in part from the 1720's, the east wing was destroyed long ago and reconstructed by Colonial Williamsburg in 1939. He noted the request for a change in use has been prompted by the need for a more appropriate and permanent location for the Tailor Program. The opportunity to create a home for the tailoring trade in a documented location presented itself with the recent passage of the last life-tenant of the Foundation-owned home. He stated that the first floor will be used for the program and second floor for incidental offices. Mr. Spence concluded his comments by saying that there are some building code issues he's addressing with John Catlett, the City's Codes Compliance Administrator.

Chairman Knudson opened the public hearing.

There being no comment the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Carr moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation has submitted application **BZA #04-007** requesting a special exception in accordance with Article III, Division 12, Section 21-413 of the Zoning Ordinance for a change in use for a portion of the Peyton Randolph House from residential use to a tailor shop, and

WHEREAS, the property is located at 101 East Nicholson Street Williamsburg Tax Map Number 466-(02)-00-010, B and is zoned Colonial Williamsburg Historic Area CW; and

WHEREAS, the City of Williamsburg Board of Zoning Appeals conducted a public hearing on this request on November 2, 2004; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of the pertinent issues subsequent to the public hearing, the Board has determined that a special exception can be authorized because the Board finds that the request complies with all the criteria contained in Section 21-97(f)2,

1. It is designated, constructed and operated to adequately safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the occupants of the adjoining and surrounding property;
2. It does not unreasonably impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property;
3. It does not increase public danger from fire or otherwise unreasonably restrict public safety;
4. It does not impair the established property values in surrounding areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Williamsburg Board of Zoning Appeals on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2004, that the request of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation for a special exception for a change in use for a portion of the Peyton Randolph House from residential use to a tailor shop, **is hereby approved.**

Mr. Lamson seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: White, Knudson, Kafes, Carr, Lamson  
No: None  
Absent: None

**NEW BUSINESS** - none

**OTHER**

2005 Schedule

The schedule for Board of Zoning Appeals meetings for 2005 was distributed to Board members and the change in time of day was noted. The meetings in 2005 will be held beginning at 4:00 p.m. rather than 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Knudson, Chairman  
Board of Zoning Appeals